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1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 This manual of tradecraft for the Special Demonstration Squad is designed both for new members of the squad and also as a guide to best practice for members of the squad during their posting. The guide gives an insight into the differing techniques used to set up and live a false identity and ploys used to deal with situations which may arise. Current and former field operatives have identified areas of difficulty and some suggestions have been made as to effective solutions. However, the nature of the work is so varied that, while it is important to highlight those practices which should be avoided at all costs, it is not possible to give comprehensive instructions on every problem. [redacted]

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2. THE BACK OFFICE:

2.1. OFFICE DUTIES

[redacted]

2.2. FIELD OFFICERS' REQUIREMENTS

[redacted]

2.2.2 Equally important is the need to post diary sheets and other forms to each field officer when requested. [redacted]. Equally, ensure the Monday Binder is always well stocked with forms, or incur the wrath of the field!

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2.3. CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF DOWN TIME

2.3.1. The back office administration work is rarely fulfilling enough to interest one for five days a week. [redacted]

2.4. RESEARCH INTO TARGET GROUP

[redacted]

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3. PREPARATION:

[redacted]

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The Frederick Forsyth novel 'The Day of the Jackal' explained how to acquire documents in the name of a dead person, [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] June 95: Names are no longer obtained from the Death Register at St Catherine's House; [redacted]

[redacted]

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4. **LAUNCH:**

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[redacted]

5. MAINTAINING COVER:

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[redacted] If you have no other option [redacted] you should try to have fleeting, disastrous relationships with individuals who are not important to your sources of information.

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6. LIVING A NORMAL LIFE

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7. SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING THE TARGET GROUP.

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8. WITHDRAWAL:

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9. AFTERCARE:

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9.2. RETURN TO SB LIFE AFTER AN SDS TOUR

9.2.1. First of all, ask yourself the following questions:

Q: Why does my suit not fit?	A: Because you are fat.
Q: Why do I have to get up at 7.30 am every day?	A: Because they will stop paying you if you don't.
Q: Why do I have to get off the tube with the rest of the lemmings?	A: Because they took your van off you.
Q: Why am I poor?	A: Because you've got used to spending dosh which you no longer have.

9.2.2. The first thing you notice on arriving back at CO is that you can't find anything. [redacted]

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outside will also have moved on, so your old list of contacts is likely to be seriously out of date.

9.2.3. Overall you will have a slight feeling of detachment. You are no longer in charge of your working life [redacted]

9.4. POST TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME

9.4.1. Post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSS) is a well - documented illness. Originally described by doctors who examined troops in the Great War as "Shell-Shock", PTSS was at first dismissed as "cowardice in the face of the enemy" and a significant number of troops faced death by firing squad. By the Second World War, however, "Battle Fatigue" was recognised as a stress related illness. Police Officers have also faced highly stressful experiences: most recently at the Hillsborough Stadium tragedy, the Clapham Junction train crash and the Marchioness disaster. A proportion of officers who attended these incidents have been found to have been suffering from PTSS.

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[redacted]

9.4.2. SDS officers will have faced highly unpleasant, frightening incidents during their tour and it is probable that a proportion of former SDS officers will suffer from high stress levels following their return to other squads. It is important to remember that a small number of SDS officers have fallen foul of police discipline and the criminal law, or have suffered emotional problems ranging from alcoholism to depression. It is imperative that officers seek help if they have difficulties post-tour. Improved selection processes and psychometric testing have reduced the chances of such problems arising in the future but SDS management has a responsibility to ensure the future security of the section is not endangered through a former operative's illness. Accordingly, they will be consulted by your immediate line manager in such circumstances.

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10. SUMMARY:

[redacted] The problem that appears to you to be insurmountable has, in all probability, been dealt with by a field officer in the past. Listening to other field operatives' suggestions is the most effective way to formulate your own strategy for dealing with the problem. You do not have to follow the advice given and different individuals may give conflicting advice, but if a field colleague thinks that a form of action you propose to take should on no account be used, disregard that advice at your peril.

10.2. All of the above manual represents a simplified overview of useful fielderaft techniques which work at a general level and also with respect to specific groups. The information is not complete and may not be current enough to be treated as SDS Policy but provides basic guidelines on how to go about a short life of deceit. It is proposed to keep this manual updated, so any field officer who wishes to make his or her own contribution is welcome to do so. Put your thoughts in writing and submit them to the office.

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Appendix A.

ORIGINAL AUTHOR.

Date:	**Officer:**	**Field(s):**
February 1995	DS[redacted]	[redacted]

UPDATES.

March 1996 - Update re [redacted] **- para .** [redacted]

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APPENDIX B

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[redacted] [redacted]

(January 1995.)

1. This report concerns the provision of additional manpower in support of [redacted] SDS field operatives.

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INSTRUCTION TO UNDERCOVER OFFICER 1

(1) A Police Officer must not act as an "agent provocateur". This means he must not.

Ir nor procure...

a person, nor through that person anybody else... to commit an offence, nor an offence of a more serious character, which that person would not otherwise have committed.

(2) However, a Police Officer is entitled to join a conspiracy which is already in being, or an offence which is already "laid on", or, for example, where a person has made an offer to supply goods, including drugs, which involves the commission of a criminal offence.

(3) If, during the course of an investigation into an offence or series of offences, a person inolved suggests that commission of, or offers to commit, a further similar offence (e.g., by offering to supply drugs unlawfully) a Police Officer is entitled to participate in the proposed offence. The officer must not incite such an offence.

(4) Police Officers are entitled to use the weapon of infiltration of groups or organisations. In such a case it is proper for the undercover officer to show interest in, and enthusiasm for, proposals made even though they are unlawful, but, in so doing, he must try to tread the difficult line between showing the necessary interest and enthusiasm to keep his cover (and pursue his investigation) and actually becoming an agent provocateur.

(5) Police Officers must obtain confirmation that the information they are acting on is accurate and reliable before becoming involved in undercover operations.

(6) Police Officers must bear in mind that, by virtue of Section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, a Judge may take into account the circumstances in which evidence was obtained in considering its adverse effect on the fairness of proceedings in Court.

Invariably this means you enter a criminal conspiracy or become part of a pre-arranged criminal offence.

Supervising Officer:

Date:

Time:

On I was instructed by as to the "Instructions to Undercover Officers" contained in this book.

Signed

(Pseudonym)

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